

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 1. (original) A system for protecting buildings or
2 structures against external influences with wire cables that are
3 placed under tension over and/or around at least a part of the
4 building or structure, characterized in that the wire cables are
5 maintained under tension, and their ends or extensions are anchored
6 in a clamping body or the like (10) that has a guide (11) that is
7 shaped such that when the tensile force is increased the reaction
8 force presented by the clamping body (10) is increased generally
9 proportionally to the tensile force.

1 2. (original) A system according to claim 1,
2 characterized in that the guide (11) for the end of the wire cable
3 (13) and/or for an extension of the cable end has a peripheral
4 surface that narrows progressively in the direction of the tensile
5 force and that is preferably conical.

1 3. (currently amended) A system according to claim 1
2 [[or 2]], characterized in that the material of the inner surface
3 of the guide (11) of the clamping body (10) is harder than the
4 material of the end of the wire cable (13) or the material of the
5 extension of the end.

1 4. (original) A system according to claim 3,
2 characterized in that the wire cable or its extension is
3 plastically deformed when relative movement occurs through the
4 guide (11) in the direction of the tensile force (15).

1 5. (currently amended) A system according to ~~one of~~
2 ~~claims~~ claim 1 [[to 4]], characterized in that the end of the wire
3 cable or its extension is divided into a plurality of partial cable
4 elements that are disposed at mutual acute angles.

1 6. (currently amended) A system according to ~~one of~~
2 ~~claims 1 to~~ claim 5, characterized in that the guide (11) for the
3 wire cable or for its extension is comprised of a plurality of
4 clamping jaws or spring-loaded rolls that are mounted at individual
5 mutual angles.

1 7. (currently amended) A system according to ~~one of~~
2 ~~claims~~ claim 1 [[to 6]], characterized in that the extension of the
3 wire cable is comprised of a strip-like body that preferably is
4 wound on a roll.

1 8. (currently amended) A system according to ~~one of~~
2 ~~claims~~ claim 1 [[to 7]], characterized in that the wire cable or
3 the extension thereof, has a multiple stepwise broadening or a
4 continuous broadening.

1 9. (currently amended) A system according to ~~one of~~
2 ~~claims~~ claim 1 [[to 8]], characterized in that different cables
3 have different reaction forces or different breakage strengths.

1 10. (currently amended) A system according to ~~one of~~
2 ~~claims~~ claim 1 [[to 9]], characterized in that the wire cables (23)
3 can be accommodated in/at the facade or roof of the building or
4 structure, for protective storage.

1 11. (currently amended) A system according to ~~one of~~
2 ~~claims~~ claim 1 [[to 10]], characterized in that a frame structure
3 (29, 29') is provided outside the building or structure that offers
4 an additional facade surface in which the wire cables can be
5 accommodated, for protective storage.

1 12. (currently amended) A system according to ~~one of~~
2 ~~claims~~ claim 1 [[to 10]], characterized in that profiles (22)
3 mounted on or in the facade or roof form cavities in which wire
4 cables can be accommodated, for protective storage.

1 13. (currently amended) A system according to ~~one of~~
2 ~~claims~~ claim 1 [[to 12]], characterized in that the clamping body
3 (10) in which the end of a wire cable (23) or the extension thereof
4 is held is translationally movably connected to the building or
5 structure.

1 14. (currently amended) A system according to ~~one of~~
2 ~~claims~~ claim 1 [[to 13]], characterized in that the wire cables
3 (23) are connected to profiles (24, 25, 27, 28) that are mounted on
4 or in the facades or roof and that can be rotated, swung, or moved
5 translationally.

1 15. (currently amended) A system according to ~~one of~~
2 ~~claims 1 to~~ claim 14, characterized in that the profiles (24, 25,
3 27, 28) cause the wire cables (23) to be pulled out of the wire
4 cable storage places and to be placed under tension, by means of
5 rotational, swinging, or translational movement of the profiles.

1 16. (currently amended) A system according to ~~one of~~
2 ~~claims 1 to 15~~ claim 13, characterized in that the profiles (22,
3 24, 25, 27, 28) and/or frame structures (29, 29') are essentially
4 comprised of metal.

1 17. (currently amended) A system according to ~~one of~~
2 ~~claims~~ claim 1 [[to 16]], characterized in that the wire cables
3 placed under tension form a net structure.

1 18. (currently amended) A system according to ~~one of~~
2 ~~claims 1 to 17~~ claim 14, characterized in that central control
3 means are provided for the rotational, swinging, or translational
4 movement of the profiles (24, 25, 27, 28) and/or the frame
5 structures (29, 29').

1 19. (original) A system according to claim 18,
2 characterized in that the control means are connected to a warning
3 system (alarm system).